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Ms. Stephanie Hillmon
Assistant General Counsel
The Committee for Purchase on Executive Pay, Nonprofit Governance

Good Works Inc., a JWOD producing entity located in Spokane, Washington, respectfully submits these comments:

- The standards in which to quality in a JWOD program are already in place through applicable state and federal law on nonprofits; additional governmental regulation and laws are not needed and would duplicate existing statutes.
- We do agree that nonprofit agencies should assess periodically the composition of the board.
- The Committee recommends 14 best practices as benchmarks of good governance for agencies operating under the JWOD program. Board governance, financial controls, and ethical standards are critical not only for JWOD-producing entities but also for all nonprofits.
- The board is responsible for setting the compensation of the President and board members should be committed to the organization's mission. Our agency has a well-defined mission and the board oversees implementation of the strategic goals.
- If the Committee were to consider additional criteria to evaluate good governance practices by nonprofit agencies, we would suggest considering accreditation by outside entities such as the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission (CARF).

Sincerely,

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